What is claimed is:

1. A clothes dryer comprising:

a rear panel,

an exhaust vent passing through the rear panel and the exhaust vent being adapted for connection with a flexible venting hose; and,

a spacer movably mounted to the rear panel for movement between an upright shipping position extending adjacent the dryer rear panel and a lowered position extending out and away from the dryer rear panel for maintaining a predetermined distance between the rear panel of the dryer and a room wall adjacent to which the clothes dryer is adapted to be positioned.

2. The clothes dryer of claim 1 wherein the spacer includes a cover portion that at least partially covers the exhaust vent when the spacer is in the upright position and prevents connection of the flexible venting hose to the dryer exhaust vent.

3. The clothes dryer of claim 1 wherein the spacer has two opposing end portions and is pivotally attached at one of its opposing end portions to the dryer rear panel and is adapted to pivot about the one opposing end.

4. The clothes dryer of claim 3 wherein the rear panel has two spaced apart eyelets and the spacer comprises a wire having two bent ears inserted into the eyelets for pivotal mounting to the rear panel.

5. The clothes dryer of claim 4 wherein the spacer has a cover portion bent to extend at least partially over the exhaust vent when the spacer is in the upright shipping position.

6. The clothes dryer of claim 4 wherein the rear panel of the dryer comprise a latch adapted to hold the spacer in the upright shipping position.

7. The clothes dryer of claim 1 wherein the spacer is pivotally mounted to the dryer rear panel below the dryer exhaust vent.